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LHDs Intentions to Seek Accreditation

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A collaborative study including Dr. Gulzar Shah assesses whether the Public Health Accreditation Board prerequisites predict local health departments intentions to seek voluntary national accreditation. Using the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2010 Profile Study, we examined the relationship between the PHAB accreditation prerequisites and local health department (LHD) intentions to seek PHAB accreditation using multinomial logistic regression.

Results indicate that completion of a community health assessment (CHA) or community health improvement plan (CHIP) within the past five years had negative association with LHDs' intention to seek accreditation, and recent completion of an agency-wide strategic plan had no association. These findings have important implications for LHDs, PHAB and its partners.

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